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SUBJ: SWEDISH-SOVIET EXCHANGE IN THE HALLBERG CASE

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1. (B-ENTIRE TEXT)  
2. SUMMARY: THE SWEDISH FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS PROVIDED, IN  
STRICTEST CONFIDENCE, THE FOLLOWING TEXT OF THE VERBATIM NOTES  
TAKEN OF THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR'S ORAL PRESENTATION ON SEPT 28  
TO SWEDISH PRIME MINISTER ULLSTEN, AS WELL AS A SOMEWHAT MORE  
DETAILED REPORT OF PRIME MINISTER ULLSTEN'S ORAL RESPONSE.  
THESE SUPPLEMENT THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE REPTL. END  
SUMMARY.  
3. ORAL COMMENT BY SOVIET AMBASSADOR JAKOVLEV TO PRIME MINISTER  
ULLSTEN ON SEPTEMBER 28, 1979:  
BEGIN TEXT (INFORMAL ENGLISH TRANSLATION FROM THE SWEDISH):  
AT THE REQUEST OF THE SWEDISH SIDE DOCUMENTS AND  
INFORMATION IN THE RADUL HALLBERG CASE HAVE BEEN EXAMINED ON  
SEVERAL OCCASIONS. ALL FACTS IN THIS CASE WERE PRESENTED TO THE  
SWEDISH GOVERNMENT AS RECENTLY AS 1957. IN SPITE OF THE FACT THAT  
THE SOVIET SIDE IS CONVINCED THAT THERE IS NOT, AND COULD NOT BE,

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ANYTHING NEW IN THE QUESTION OF THE FATE OF RAOUL HALLEBERG, WHO DIED IN JULY 1947. THE SOVIET SIDE HAS STUDIED THE SWEDISH SIDE'S REQUESTS WITH CAREFUL ATTENTION. THE APPROPRIATE SOVIET AUTHORITY HAS BEEN COMMISSIONED TO CHECK CAREFULLY ALL INFORMATION WHICH THE SWEDISH SIDE HAS REFERRED TO ON VARIOUS OCCASIONS. ALL STATEMENTS THAT RAOUL HALLEBERG WAS SUPPOSED TO HAVE BEEN IN THE SOVIET UNION AFTER 1947 CONTRADICT REALITY. THIS CONCLUSION APPLIES FULLY TO THE SO-CALLED "TESTIMONIES" MENTIONED IN THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT'S REQUEST OF JANUARY 3 THIS YEAR, AS WELL AS IN THE SWEDISH PRIME MINISTER'S LETTER OF AUG 22, ALSO OF THIS YEAR. THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT THUS CONSIDERS THAT THE QUESTION OF RAOUL HALLEBERG IS A CLOSED CASE, AND CANNOT BUT EXPRESS ITS REGRET THAT THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT, INSTEAD OF REJECTING ALL KINDS OF INVENTIONS AND SPECULATIONS, FINDS IT POSSIBLE TO QUESTION THE SOVIET SIDE'S SINCERITY IN THIS MATTER. IN THE SOVIET UNION THERE IS A STRONG CONVICTION THAT MUTUAL CONFIDENCE BETWEEN OUR GOVERNMENTS AND PEOPLES IS AN UNCONDITIONAL PROVISION FOR THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF NEIGHBORLY SOVIET-SWEDISH RELATIONS, IN WHICH OUR COUNTRIES ARE EQUALLY INTERESTED. END TEXT.

4. ACCORDING TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY, ULLSTEN, IN RESPONSE, SUGGESTED THAT THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR'S REPLY ON BEHALF OF "THE SOVIET SIDE" CONTAINED NOTHING BEYOND WHAT HAD BEEN SAID IN THE PAST. HE EXPRESSED REGRET THAT NO MEASURES HAD BEEN TAKEN BY THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT TO CHECK THE INFORMATION PROVIDED IN ULLSTEN'S LETTER. HE SAID THAT, HAD THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT DONE SO, THIS COULD HAVE BEEN OF VALUE FOR THE STRENGTHENING OF CONFIDENCE TO WHICH THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR HAD REFERRED. HE CONCLUDED THAT HE WISHED TO STUDY THE SOVIET RESPONSE AND WOULD SUSPEND JUDGEMENT AS TO WHAT FURTHER ACTION THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT MIGHT WISH TO TAKE.

5. THE FOLLOWING TEXT WAS GIVEN TO THE PRESS THEREAFTER, AND FORMED THE BASIS FOR THE PRESS ACCOUNTS REPORTED IN THE REPTL. BEGIN TEXT:

STATEMENT BY THE PRIME MINISTER IN THE RAOUL HALLEBERG CASE (SEPT 20, 1979): IT IS REGRETTABLE THAT THE SOVIET AUTHORITIES DID NOT WISH TO MAKE THE ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATIONS HE REQUESTED IN ORDER TO GET A CLEAR PICTURE OF RAOUL HALLEBERG'S FATE. THE SOVIET SIDE ONLY REFERS TO THE OLD INFORMATION FROM 1947 THAT HALLEBERG WAS SUPPOSED TO HAVE

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DIED IN 1947. PERSONALLY I AM CONVINCED THAT WE STILL DO NOT HAVE THE WHOLE TRUTH ABOUT HALLEBERG'S DISAPPEARANCE. FROM THE SWEDISH SIDE, WE WILL CONTINUE OUR EFFORTS TO REACH FULL CLARITY ABOUT HIS FARE. WITH THIS IN MIND, WE WILL, AS WE HAVE UP UNTIL NOW, EXAMINE ALL NEW INFORMATION WHICH REACHES US AND TAKE THE MEASURES WE FIND SUITABLE.

THE HALLEBERG CASE IS AN UNSOLVED QUESTION IN SWEDISH-SOVIET RELATIONS. HOWEVER, I WISH TO EMPHASIZE THAT IN OTHER RESPECTS WE CONSIDER THESE RELATIONS TO BE GOOD AND NORMAL.  
END TEXT. KENNEDY-MINOTT

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